

No Deaths in Corunna in April.

According to the records in the county clerk's office, no deaths occurred in Corunna in the month of April, a record seldom if ever equalled in a city the size of Corunna.

Two Additional Trains on D. & M.

The Grand Trunk announces that, effective June 25, two additional trains will be put on the local division.

A train will leave Durand at 7 a.m. reaching Grand Rapids at 10:30 a.m. And the "Detroit Flyer" leaving Grand Rapids at 4:00 p.m., will be restored.

Reduce Office Hours.

Owosso physicians will after June first, close their offices on Tuesday and Friday evenings, and on Sundays after 1 p.m. The doctors are, of course, subject to call, but feel that it is unnecessary to be in their offices every night in the week.

Attempts Suicide.

Emery Wilkinson, aged 63 years, a Vernon township farmer, was brought to the county jail, Sunday, after he had attempted to end his own life with chloroform. He was found in a stupor by his daughter shortly after noon, it appearing that he had poured chloroform on his pillow and then buried his face in it.

Formerly Lived Here

Mrs. Mary M. Woodard, aged 68 years, widow of the late W. A. Woodard of this city, died at 2:30 a.m. Monday at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Philip E. Lazenby, Detroit. The funeral was held from the Lazenby home, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Woodard had made her home in Detroit, since removing from Owosso a few years ago.

Law Violators Sentenced.

Corunna, May 15—Sentences were imposed upon three prisoners in circuit court Monday morning.

John Madison, bigamist, was sentenced to a term of from two to five years in Jackson with a recommendation of three years.

Joseph Depot, local option law violator, was sent to jail for 20 days and fined \$50. Failure to pay the \$50 will add another 30 days to his sentence.

George Serr, who violated the pure food law, was fined \$40.

Home Burned.

The two story frame house of Edward Pasco, three quarters of a mile north of Pittsburg, on which his son Roy, resided, was burned to the ground last Thursday. Mrs. Pasco had just started a fire in the stove to start supper when she discovered the fire at about 5:30. The cause is not definitely known. The loss is estimated at about \$3,000. The house and furnishings were insured for \$1,400, \$900 of which was on the house.

Fire Drills.

Fire drills in the various schools of Owosso were held Tuesday morning. Fire Chief Claud Craig and W. E. Hall, Dr. Sutherland, Dr. Wilson and W. D. Whitehead, members of the board of education witnessed the drills.

At Central school all children were out of the building in one minute, twenty-two seconds. At Emerson school five seconds longer was required owing to the fact that the students passed out through the rear fire escape. At Washington school fifty seconds were required, at Bryant school forty-four seconds, and at Lincoln school fifty-four seconds.

Four Injured When Car Overturns.

William Bofysil and Thomas Lahey were painfully and the former possibly seriously injured, and Walter Smalley and William Phelps sustained slight bruises and cuts Wednesday night when Bofysil's Ford touring car, in which the four men were driving north on Shawassee street, skidded and turned turtle, when Bofysil turned out for a rig. The fact that the top was up saved the men from more serious injury (if possible death).

The ligaments in Mr. Bofysil's left shoulder were badly torn, and he was otherwise injured. Mr. Lahey is suffering from bruises on the chest and back.

Auto Tax Law Valid.

The supreme court of the state rendered its decision, Friday, declaring the new automobile tax law constitutional. The result will be that cities and townships will lose hundreds of thousands of dollars on their local assessment rolls, but much more money will be added to the state highway fund and distributed one half directly to the counties in which the automobile is owned and the balance paid in rewards on new roads wherever built.

Trees for School Children.

The Central Michigan Normal at Mt. Pleasant has completed the distribution of walnut and peach trees and grape vines to the schools of Michigan, with a total of 5,000 walnut trees, 600 peach trees and 1,800 grape vines, these all being sent out at the cost price of production plus the charge of transportation. Thirty-five thousand walnut trees have been supplied in this way to the school children of the state and the demand this year exceeded the supply. Next year hard maple trees will be added to this list. This is practical work which in a few years will result in untold good to the state.

Big Drain Contracts Let.

Corunna, May 17—Contracts have been let for two drains in Shiawassee county. Deputy Drain Commissioner F. G. Boutwell stated Wednesday morning.

The North State drain, located near Henderson, and which is 1,175 rods long, will be constructed by Stephen Thatcher of Swartz Creek at a cost of \$7.15 per rod.

The Holly drain, near Durand, will be built by L. C. Fosket of Howell at a total cost of \$15,000. The drain is 1,353 rods long and has a 30-foot bottom.

Work on both of the improvements will be undertaken in the near future.

1917 Spic Board

At a recent meeting of the Junior class the officers of the 1917 "Spic" board were elected. This is the first time in the history of the high school that underclassmen have elected the "Spic" board. This course was taken by the class so that the officers might have more time to work on the year book, which they plan to make the best yet. The following are the officers elected: Editor-in-chief, Robert Marshall; assistant editor, Gladys Reineke; business manager, Arthur Pierpont; assistant manager, Fred Storrer; grind editor, Don Stratton; assistant grind editor, Mamie Dougherty; advertising manager, Raymond Kaulitz; athletic editor, Carl Giffie; art editor, Marlowe Stevens.

An Enjoyable Affair

The pot luck supper at the Y. W. C. A. Monday night was a most enjoyable event. Thirty-five members were present. The best part followed supper when reports from the month's experience social were given. These reports were more than interesting and showed a deep spirit of devotion to the association. Some of the things the girls did to earn money was split boxes, mow lawns, carry ashes, give shampoos, sell desserts, cake, sandwiches and pop corn balls and scrub and clean house. Miss Alice Walter presented the largest sum, having earned seven dollars and fifty cents. The entire sum presented for association work was \$87.27.

"GOD'S COUNTRY AND THE WOMAN."

Curwood's Famous Novel in Pictures at Colonial Theatre.

For the first time in Michigan James Oliver Curwood's popular novel will be shown in pictures at the Colonial theatre, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 23 and 24. All New York papers give the pictures high praise.

The New York World says: "God's Country and the Woman," a feature film adapted from James Oliver Curwood's novel, was seen last night. The feature was an interesting story of primitive emotions in the far North, better in quality than the average film of its kind."

Ross Gravengood.

The marriage of Miss Erma Eileen Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Ross, to John R. Gravengood, was solemnized by Rev. A. Ostroth at the Evangelical parsonage, Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock. They were attended by Harold Ross of Detroit, brother of the bride, and Miss Rose Gravengood, sister of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Gravengood left immediately for their future home in St. Johns.

The bride has made her home in this city most of her life and is a member of the Evangelical church. The groom came here three years ago from Flint. He is representative of the Holland Furnace company in St. Johns.

Their many friends extend hearty congratulations.

Charles F. Brockway, a driver for the Laverock Fuel Co., fainted while at work Wednesday, and fell under the front part of the wagon. The horses became frightened and kicked him, fracturing his right arm and injuring his right side. He is reported to be resting comfortably.

Improvement Association Notes.

At the Tuesday luncheon announcement was made that the State Military Board had formally accepted the new armory from the contractors, the Rickman Construction Co. The Company has a claim for \$1,062.60 for extra work on the foundation necessitated by the poor footing found when the required depth of excavation had been made, and in order to close the building contract so that the building could be turned over to the state free from any claim, the Rickmans decided to sign a release and wait for final payment until such time as an appropriation can be secured from the legislature to make good the deficiency. The Improvement Association will take steps to have a bill to meet this amount and to cover the cost of fire escapes and some other items essential to the completion of the armory in a satisfactory manner presented at the opening of the legislature in January next. The State Military Board has already passed a resolution recommending the appropriation of the sum required.

President Sturtevant named W. H. VanSice, Morris Southard and Albert Todd as a committee to nominate a list of candidates for the several officers to be elected on Tuesday evening next at the annual meeting and banquet. The committee will probably suggest two or three persons for each place and the election will be by printed ballot containing all the names. The officers, with the exception of the three directors, will serve until the time for the regular election in September next.

From 6 to 6:30 on Tuesday evening next preceding the banquet of the Association in the armory, an informal reception and welcome home will be tendered A. M. Bentley, who returned Friday evening from a stay of several months in California. The Association has also extended an invitation to W. K. Prudden of Lansing, to be its guest on this occasion and it is hoped that he will be able to be present. The assembly room on the second floor will be used for the reception.

The entertainment committee has completed the program for the banquet which is to be served in the auditorium of the armory at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. W. D. Whitehead is to act as toastmaster and the list of speakers will include Mayor DeYoung, W. R. Goodrich and Hon. Milo D. Campbell. Secretary Seegmiller will make a brief report of the activities of the Association during the past year and the trophy cup will be presented to the winning team in the indoor base ball league. The banquet will be served by the members of Company H which is assurance that a hearty "feed" will be prepared, and this with the good music promised will leave every one in a happy mood for the program. The tickets are 60 cts. and ought to be purchased right away so that the committee may know how many to prepare for.

Assurance has been received from the State Military Board that the state will carry insurance on the armory to the full amount of the cost. In other words if the building should be destroyed by fire the state will replace it. This will relieve the Association from the expense of carrying insurance to protect the amount contributed by the people of the county.

FIRST CIRCUS COMING.

Wheeler Bros. An Old Show, But New Here—Entire New Circus Program is Promised.

Monday it was finally decided and agreed that Owosso is to have its first circus of the season, on Monday, May 29. The agents and advance advertisers will soon announce its coming on every available space and location, for there are eighty-five men ahead of Wheeler Brothers Enormous Shows, traveling in two special advertising cars followed by an extra brigade of experts whose automobiles are used "to bill the country for miles around." The Wheeler Bros. show is famous in the East and South where for many years its visits have been so popular as to place this organization up in the millionaire class of showmen, and now seeking new territory for this tour, hopes to become an established favorite here.

That the circus, like base ball, is America's chosen recreation will hardly be disputed, and it is likely no popular local event gives such all round pleasure; the big free open street parade, the costly display of magnificent horses, handsome women, gorgeous trappings; the money paid out for provisions and feed, the local advertising bills and the railroad expense, all run into a grand total. But the crowds on the streets, the crowds from the country, the crowds at the show, if it don't rain, all go to make the circus worth while. It is the one popular holiday event, and the circus pays the bill, rain or shine.

O. E. S. NINTH ANNUAL MEETING IN LAINGSBURG.

Election of Officers and Banquet Were Principal Features—Next Convention in Corunna.

The ninth annual meeting of the Shiawassee County association of the Order of Eastern Star, held in Laingsburg Wednesday, was attended by twenty-five members of the Owosso chapter. Corunna was selected as the meeting place of the association next year.

The afternoon session, which was in charge of the county president, Mrs. Eleanor Colby of New Lothrop, was most interesting. Among those present were: Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Ruth Bangham of Albion and Grand Conductress Mrs. Ida Hume, of Owosso. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Theo Wade of Laingsburg and was responded to in an able manner by Mrs. William Clemens of Durand. Ralph Gillette of Laingsburg, pleased the audience with several vocal selections.

The impressive memorial service in honor of those who departed within the past year was conducted by the officers of the Laingsburg chapter.

Greetings were read by Miss Irene Place of Bluffton, Ind., the first secretary of the county association.

Another feature of the session was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Annette Smith, of Laingsburg; first vice president, Mrs. Marion Youngs, Corunna; second, Harry Thomas, Durand; chaplain, Mrs. Grace Hutchins, Perry; marshal, Mrs. Ada Holmington, Vernon; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Anna Conant, of Owosso.

At 5:30 o'clock the members of the association repaired to the opera house where an elegant banquet was served by the ladies of the Congregational church. The tables were most beautifully and artistically decorated for the event.

Following the banquet the chapters returned to the Masonic hall, where the initiation was held.

The evening session opened with music rendered by Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Cowles of Durand, violinist and pianist. Mrs. Rose Lahmann rendered several vocal selections and was accompanied by Miss Helen Gibson at the piano.

The initiatory work was conferred by two representatives from each of the various chapters of the county.

It was reported at the convention that the membership of the various chapters in this county is 1,423.

Junior Chautauqua.

Miss Margaret McIntosh, junior supervisor of the Coit-Alber Chautauqua company of Cleveland, O., visited this city Monday in interest of the Chautauqua course which will be held here July 9-15. After talking before several of the rooms of the local schools, she addressed an audience in the evening at the armory. Miss McIntosh, who is a fluent and interesting speaker, said in part:

"Chautauqua has waked up to the fact that boys and girls want to be 'up and doing,' so this summer beside the lectures and concerts of the big seven-day program, there will be Junior Chautauqua for the boys and girls. Junior Chautauqua means hikes and stories and games and contests and a big play that all Junior Chautauquans are to be in. Being a Junior Chautauquan means being a member of the Junior Town."

All Junior Chautauquans become citizens of Junior Town and organize their own government with the help of the Junior leader. The commission form of government is used and the children elect their own commissioners. They are "law and order," "health," "clean-up" and "make good." All commissioners wear badges. They are divided among the boys and girls who do their own nominating and electing, then the commissioners become responsible for the things done in Junior Town.

"They will also give a Boy Scout life saving exhibition and show camp fire girls bandaging and first-aid, and talk about 'What boys and girls should know to make good citizens.'"

"Junior Chautauqua meets at 9:30 each morning of Chautauqua week in the big tent. It is under the direction of a college woman and college man, trained in playground work and story telling."

"The boys and girls have the advantage over their elders in being given three sessions a day for a one dollar season ticket, whereas the two dollar adult season ticket admits to only afternoon and evening sessions. However, maybe 'Father' would not feel much like hearing Ida Tarbell if he had been playing dodge ball, or overhead relay, or skin-the-snake all morning."

"The boys and girls are urged to earn their own dollar to buy the season ticket."

Wild Life Association Address.

The Shiawassee Wild Life association has issued an interesting statement to the public. The statement, signed by Dr. G. L. Cramer, the president; Van R. Pond, chairman of the propagation committee and George E. Pardee, chairman of the protection committee, reads as follows:

"The Shiawassee Wild Life (Sportsmen's) association is organized to put the clamps down hard on the pursuit of game and fish, for sport's sake, but it does stand for the enforcement of the game laws in such a manner that the fast disappearing game and fish supply may be replenished and made permanent. It also makes one of its great aims the protection of the song and insectivorous birds which protect the farmer and the gardener by the destruction of moths and larvae which threaten crops, and the nurture in the mind of the growing child of the idea of 'protection and conservation' and respect for wild life in a way that his father never had it presented to him."

"The association has planted nearly a hundred thousand game fish in the streams and little lakes of this county in each of the years 1914 and 1915, and is co-operating with the public domain commission to find the most practical way to restock the cover with game birds. Any possible amount of restocking and planting is ineffectual, however, unless it is backed up by laws closing the hunting and fishing seasons during the breeding periods and protecting the young until they have a chance to grow and reproduce their kind. Only so can the rapid disappearance of the game fish from America be checked. This is in no sense a selfish or throttling purpose, but one purely actuated by the desire that all shall enjoy equal opportunities for recreation and that the privileges enjoyed by us and our forefathers shall remain to those who come after. Every public-spirited citizen should give not only his moral influence to the movement, but also his active assistance by joining the association."

"The Shiawassee association makes it a part of its business to see that the protective laws are enforced. As no game shooting is allowable until September, and only noxious birds or animals, such as crows, English sparrows, hawks, owls, etc., may be killed during spring and summer months, we wish especially to call the attention of fishermen, at this time, to the laws which affect them."

"No sale of game fish is legal at any time. Wall-eyed pike, rock bass, blue gills, sunfish and perch are now game fish, and cannot be sold except when taken from the Great Lakes."

"Bass, large or small mouth, cannot be taken until June 16, and then only ten in one day, at least 10 inches in length."

"Wall-eyed pike not until June 16, length 10 inches, 25 in one day. (This is the pike-perch, pike shaped body and head, moonstone eyes, perch fins; not the ordinary pike so commonly called pickerel. We believe there are few, if any, pike-perch in our county.)"

"Rock bass, white or calico bass may be taken at any season, but must be at least 6 inches long and only 25 per day may be taken."

"Blue gills, perch and sunfish must be at least 5 inches long and may be taken at any time, but only 25 per day."

"None of the above may be taken at any time except with hook and line, the hook to be taken in the mouth of the fish, save that all except bass and wall-eyed pike may be speared through the ice in January and February."

"No spearing of any fish is at this time lawful in any stream or lake. The right to spear suckers, mullet, reddsides and pike expired with April. Dip nets are also unlawful except for bait. A seine not over twenty feet long may be used for bait minnows."

"Jack or any artificial light, explosive substances for taking fish, or seines or nets except those allowed for minnow bait, are unlawful to have on or within one-half mile of any stream or lake."

"Set lines and night lines are unlawful."

"The association offers a reward of ten dollars to anyone furnishing information which shall lead to the conviction of any person violating any of these laws."

Pay Your Dog Tax.

Under the new law it is the duty of the supervisors of townships and ward to collect the dog tax at the time of taking the assessment. The supervisor must make a list of the dogs and if the owner pays the tax a receipt is given, also a metal tag which should be attached to the collar of the dog. The first of June the list of dogs upon which the tax has not been paid is turned over to the sheriff, whose duty it is to kill the dogs. So be prepared to pay the tax or lose the dog."

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"KEY-NOTE" FOR PROTECTION, PREPAREDNESS and AMERICANISM

Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Grand Rapids, who was both temporary and permanent chairman of the recent Republican state convention, sounded the keynote of "Protection," "Preparedness" and "Americanism."

He reminded the convention that both President Wilson and Governor Ferris are minority choices and declared that a party unity this year will make Republican victory assured. "As we need un-hyphenated Americans in matters of international moment," said he, "so, now—as we confront a constitutional requirement which calls upon us to select new domestic leadership—we need un-hyphenated Republicans. Whatever international responsibilities may be our destiny, in response to foreign policies framed in cloister by our president, we shall be uncowardly and undivided American citizens in standing for 'America first' behind this president, as we would behind any president. But we can fulfill that responsibility to the last letter and still be uncowardly and undivided Republicans in standing for a new national leadership in which we may have a confidence equal to our loyalty. The facts that clouds hang low and tempests threaten is no reason why we should suspend our quest in this direction. On the contrary, it is a very excellent reason why we should the more earnestly correct our charts and compass and the more firmly demand helmets for the ship of state who may be the worthiest to help ride out the storm."

Need of Republicanism.

Mr. Vandenberg reminded the convention that Republicans have met eight times in national conventions in Chicago and that six out of these eight times the Chicago nominees have been successful; also that Democracy has thrice met in St. Louis and thrice gone to defeat therefrom.

"Many times in our history," said he, "the country has needed Republicanism for its progress and its preservation. But never has the need been more pronounced than in this present hour of world unrest. Unless we build back Republican protective tariff walls before Europe's war shall cease, we shall suffer under a flood tide of cheapest foreign importation, which will bring us domestic industrial disaster the like of which the plague of free trade has never heretofore produced. Our prosperity is artificial. It is based on Europe's woe. Shall we be so un-Christian and so inhumane as to wish a continuance of this woe lest artificial prosperity shall cease? Rather let us speedily bring our country back to sound political economy; build for a prosperity which shall be self-erected and not dependent upon the disasters of a neighbor; re-create tariff protection—built on a scientific basis—so that American wage and living standards shall not sink to the lowest foreign levels which they may be called to meet in unprotected competition."

"I read in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat the other day that Henrik Bergsen—a widely-known Norwegian merchant who has spent 20 years in Germany—declares that in that country there is now stored one and one-half billion dollars worth of cheap merchandise, mostly produced by women, ready to be sold to the world, immediately peace is declared. This is a straw which indicates the direction of the wind. Those only are blind who refuse to see. We must protect the markets of America."

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